

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 2-12 are now present in this application. Claims 2, 3, 4, 7 and 10 are independent. By this amendment, claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 have been amended. No new matter is involved.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Entry of Amendments

Applicant respectfully submits that it is proper to enter the claim amendments because they amend the claims as suggested by the Examiner in the Advisory Action dated May 19, 2006, and place the claims in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

Claims 2-12 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph for being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection.

Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 have been amended in the manner suggested by the examiner to remove the alleged indefiniteness in claims 2-12.

For the aforementioned reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 2-12 has been overcome.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of claims 2-12 are respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Robert J. Webster, Registration No. 46,472, at (703) 205-8076, in the Washington, D.C. area.

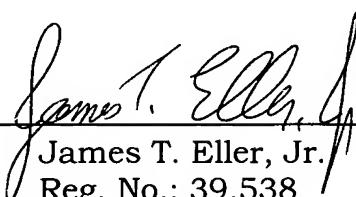
Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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